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FBA Adopts Resolution On Whitehurst Freeway

The following resolution was adopted at the April 29, 1985, meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association:

WHEREAS the Foggy Bottom community suffers severely from the high-density arterial through traffic, commuter and commercial, on the Whitehurst Freeway (WHF) which (1) overflows onto virtually all of the streets of our Foggy Bottom neighborhood, (2) poses extreme hazards to pedestrians, (3) divides our neighborhood in two — north and south of K Street — with an almost impassable barrier and resultant split-neighborhood consequences, (4) generates excessive levels of noise and air pollution above Federal standards, and (5) damages housing and health from the pounding of heavy through trucks;

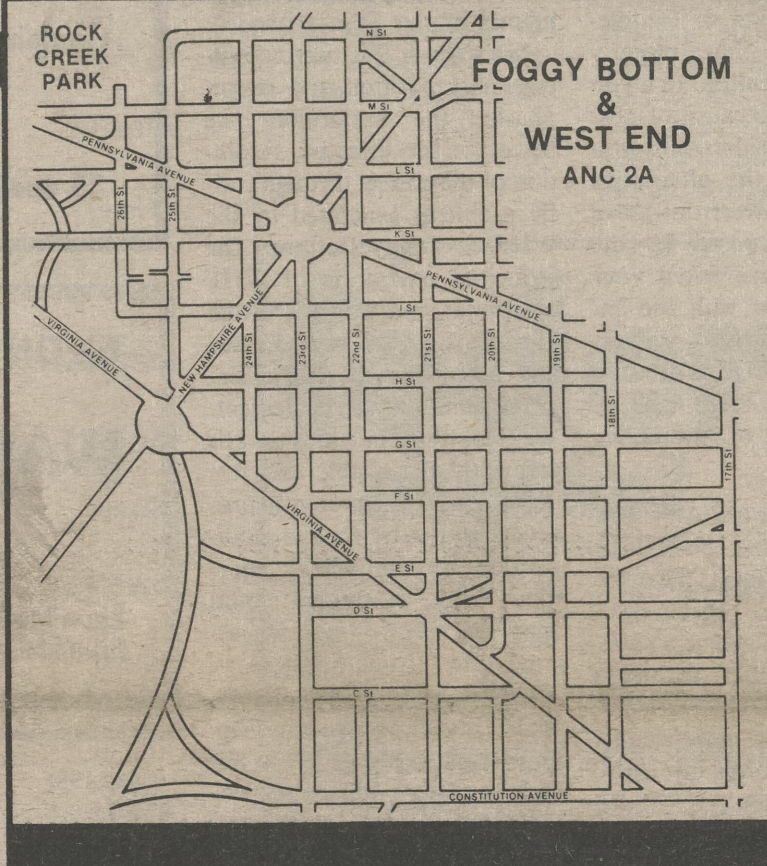
WHEREAS the Foggy Bottom community, during the course of the Whitehurst Freeway Modification Study, has fought hard to obtain significant relief from the adverse impact of the Freeway on this neighborhood, and has, in particular, requested in petitions (1) the channeling of through traffic via arterial roads that bypass Foggy Bottom residential streets, including the prevention of any spillover of K Street through traffic onto other residential streets, and (2) the depression of the through traffic lanes of K Street, thus permitting safe, at grade, pedestrian crossings;

WHEREAS under the proposed alternative rehabilitation of the WHF, enormous sums of money would once again be spent for the benefit of commuters, while the residents of Foggy Bottom would be totally ignored;

WHEREAS Foggy Bottom residents, as substantial District of Columbia and Federal taxpayers, have a right to insist that a fair share of the total dollar resources being spent on the Freeway be expended to alleviate the adverse impact of the Freeway on our neighborhood;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Executive Board of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) is hereby instructed to communicate immediately to the Mayor of the District of Columbia, to the City Administrator, to the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, to the several At-Large members of the Council, and to Councilmember Wilson the sharp and mounting concern that the residents of Foggy Bottom and



ANC Submits Testimony On Governor Shepherd

ANC2A submitted the balance of its rebuttal testimony concerning the landmark designation of the Governor Shepherd. Below are portions of the testimony.

ANC2A is pleased to submit the balance of our rebuttal testimony in the form of this letter and its attachments. This letter and the letter from Ms. Lee will serve as our summary rebuttal. Other documents are attached for the information of the Board. We respectfully request that our testimony be given the full weight of testimony in person, as we are submitting our rebuttal in writing at your request in lieu of recessing the hearing to another date. Furthermore, these statements from the ANC are entitled to the "great weight" ANCs are accorded under statute. The ANC is heavily indebted to Ms. Lee, Mr. Chase and Mr. Wrenn for materials which were adapted for our rebuttal.

The first portion of the rebuttal speaks to the criteria for designation, the integrity of the structure and whether sufficient time has passed. The second portion relates to the relevance of PAHO testimony to landmark designation, use of the Governor Shepherd for offices, and the accuracy of statements regarding ANC interest in designating the Governor Shepherd as a landmark.

The Governor Shepherd Warrants Designation As A Landmark

The Governor Shepherd clearly meets criteria 2, 3 and 4 for landmark designation, as shown below.

As Ms. Lee points out, citing Mr. James Goode's forthcoming outstanding study of Washington apartment houses, the Governor Shepherd *exemplifies the architectural heritage of the national capital* as an outstanding and trend-setting International Style example of the specialized apartment houses constructed as part of the wave of new building activity generated by the influx of people coming to Washington to help implement the New Deal. The enormous expansion of government workers during the New Deal, and the ancillary services, businesses and cultural facilities, made a fundamental alteration in the social composition and character of Washington. The rela-

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West End have that their residential interests are being subordinated to those of the automobile commuters of Virginia and Maryland.

2. It is the position of the Foggy Bottom Association that a decision to rehabilitate and widen the main body of the Whitehurst Freeway, and to improve the access to the Freeway from Canal Road and the Key Bridge, leaves the east end of the Freeway substantially untouched and benefits the out-of-state commuters at the expense of the Washingtonians who live in the neighborhood immediately impacted by this arterial access to the heart of the city. It is unacceptable to have Foggy Bottom and West End residents bear the brunt of the City's failure to address and resolve the critical hazards posed by the near continuous stream of high-speed, through traffic, scofflaws, and the spillover of such through traffic onto virtually all of the residential streets in Foggy Bottom and West End, thereby posing serious threats to health and safety.

3. It is the position of the Foggy Bottom Association that the residents of this neighborhood remain convinced that the interests of both residents and commuters can be best served by the total separation of commuter and residential traffic. Until these two types of traffic are totally separated, any attempt to remove the hazards to pedestrians will inevitably impede the smooth flow of commuter traffic.

4. It is the position of the Foggy Bottom Association that the residents of Foggy Bottom and West End firmly believe that the projected expenditure of some \$60 million on the rehabilitation of the Whitehurst Freeway is at once too much and too little, and is thus an irresponsible use of District and Federal tax money. Sixty million dollars is much more than is needed to fund a quick, interim solution to the deterioration of the Whitehurst Freeway, and is too little to produce a sound, sensible, and permanent solution to the traffic problems which the Freeway presently embodies.

5. It is the position of the Foggy Bottom Association that the residents of Foggy Bottom and West End hereby signify their intention to continue to press for an effective amelioration of the adverse impact of the Whitehurst Freeway and their determination to make use of whatever avenues are available to pursue this end.

ANC2A Queries Mayor On Whitehurst Freeway

The Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC2A) submitted the following letter to Mayor Marion Barry concerning recent decisions on the Whitehurst Freeway Riverfront Drive alternative. The letter's contents are reproduced below:

Dear Mayor Barry:

Your letter of March 22, 1985, to Mr. Richard McCooey of the Business and Professional Association of Georgetown (BPAG) has recently come to our attention. In it you indicated that because of cost and design considerations you cannot accept the alternative (the so-called Riverfront Drive alternative) proposed by the BPAG, and have asked your staff to proceed with the environmental review process based on your original decision on the Whitehurst Freeway (WHF) in favor of Alternative A.

As you are aware, ANC 2A has endorsed the basic approach of architect Passonneau's Riverfront Drive proposal (ANC 2A Resolution J-6, adopted on October 10, 1984). We supported the Riverfront Drive proposal specifically because it addresses the problems at the east end of the WHF and permits the much needed separation of the east end WHF through traffic from local traffic (K Street, between 26th and 21st Streets, N.W.). The Passonneau proposal permits the depression of the through traffic commuter roadway between 24th and 26th Streets, N.W., and the creation of an at-grade pedestrian crossing. ANC 2A has requested these configurations, which would provide urgently needed relief from the unremitting, daily impact of the WHF through traffic on Foggy Bottom residents.

Many of the Foggy Bottom residents who appeared before the public hearing of the D.C. Department of Public Works on the WHF modification, and the special public hearing held for Foggy Bottom by the D.C. Council's Committee on Public Works, described the very real dangers that the present through traffic pattern poses to pedestrians and to the health and safety of Foggy Bottom residents. They underscored the critical and urgent need for an engineering solution which will remove these serious traffic hazards and suggested repeatedly that the stream of commuter traffic must be com-

pletely separated from local traffic and be kept off our residential neighborhood street network. These views were vigorously supported by several petitions. This voluminous material and the recommendations of the Chairman of the D.C. Council's Committee on Public Works to the Director of the D.C. Department of Public Works (dated July 26, 1984) form a part of the public record on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

We wish at this time to reiterate our position and re-emphasize the importance we place on the effective resolution of the critical through traffic problems generated by the WHF in Foggy Bottom. The requested separation of WHF commuter and Foggy Bottom local traffic must be addressed and accomplished in the Environmental Impact Statement. We feel that our position is eminently reasonable and justified. Under the presently proposed alternative for the modification of the WHF, enormous sums of money would again be spent — for the second time in our lifetimes — for the benefit of commuters, while District residents in Foggy Bottom would be left to absorb the City's failure to provide protection from the onslaught of the Freeway's through traffic. As substantial D.C. and Federal taxpayers, Foggy Bottom residents have the right to insist that a fair share of the total dollar resources to be spent on the Freeway be expended to protect Foggy Bottom residents from the unacceptable conditions which the WHF creates in their neighborhood.

Separately, we take note of your commitment to the BPAG to proceed with the development of connections from Canal Road and Key Bridge to K Street. Since the WHF and K Street are identical at the east end of the Freeway, i.e. between 21st and 26th Streets, clearly, Foggy Bottom is directly affected by any configuration which funnels additional traffic onto K Street, adding to the intolerable environmental blight which the WHF has already created in Foggy Bottom. In our view, your proposal increases both the requirement and the urgency for depressing K Street between 24th and 26th Streets to achieve a roadway dedicated to commuters, thereby at once removing a serious traffic bottleneck and solving the critical pedestrian problems which at

present permeate so many streets of our neighborhood. Moreover, such a solution — the separation of through traffic from local — would satisfy the interests of both the Virginia and Maryland automobile commuters and the residents of the District of Columbia who live in Foggy Bottom.

We have been in touch with Mr. Wallace Cohen of the

D.C. Department of Public Works who informed us that the initial decision not to include ANC 2A in the community advisory committee to study these connections has been reversed and that we shall be assured full representation on such a committee. A similar invitation, we feel, should be issued to the Foggy Bottom Association.

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nuel Levine, said that "it has long been a dream of mine to play at the famed Kennedy Center. And the gorgeous Concert Hall is the perfect place for me."

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Kennedy Center Schedules Summer Music Festival

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Foggy Bottom/West End ANC Publishes Annual Report

Below is the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1984 (October 1983 - September 1984):

ANC Summary of Problems

Zoning: Continuing erosion of the residential base is occurring under the constant pressure of developers to commercialize land currently zoned for residential use and development. The city's zoning regulations, which allow the conversion of residential units to medical clinic use, which allow medical clinics as a matter-of-right in residential zones, and which treat hotels as residential for purposes of FAR calculations, have been a major factor in the decline in the residential base in our neighborhood.

Although this ANC tries to be vigilant in determining that zoning regulations are respected by property owners, that effort is rendered virtually meaningless because of the city's general tolerance of zoning abuses and violations. In our experience, zoning regulations are not being enforced in any credible way.

Transportation: Vehicular traffic is an increasing problem in our neighborhood. This stems from commuters who travel in and through our area to reach downtown and the commercial developments in the West End, as well as the additional traffic generated by the hotel construction in the West End. The Kennedy Center is now gen-

erating intolerable parking problems in the neighborhood during evening performances, with cars blocking alleys and driveways, blocking fire hydrants, parking on sidewalks, and the like; this is exacerbated by the city's complete lack of parking regulation enforcement during the early evening hours.

The east end of the Whitehurst Freeway (K Street between 24th and 26th Streets) is a particularly objectionable source of traffic and environmental problems. These problems are not limited to the two residential blocks of K Street or their vicinity, but affect all of the Foggy Bottom residential neighborhood because the access ramps at 25th and K Streets permit the spillover of through traffic into adjacent residential streets. It is also a dangerous barrier to pedestrians that divides the south and north areas of the neighborhood.

Historic Preservation: Our neighborhood has taken concerted action during the past few years to survey the neighborhood, inform property owners about historic preservation advantages and disadvantages, and pursue the research necessary to file historic preservation applications with the city. However, these actions have been stymied by inaction on the part of the city's historic preservation office and review board. We know from contracts in other neighbor-

hoods and news reports that our experience is not unique. While the city diddles, it is losing its history in a very practical sense.

Planning: We applaud the fact that a comprehensive plan for the city has been enacted, however, its generalities will be meaningless for planning unless a land use map is enacted in sufficient detail to provide a rational guide to developers and residents. It must also be followed by detailed ward plans.

Crime: Crime continues to be a concern in our neighborhood, despite the generally good record in this part of the city. We believe in a more visible police presence through a return to uniformed foot patrols, for the police simply cannot get to know the community and vice versa using only patrol cars and scooters. We are also concerned that the criminal justice system allows repeat-offenders to be released on bail so quickly, and that there is such a delay between arrest and trial.

Despite the problems cited, we would also note that we detect an atmosphere of improvement in all of these categories, although it may be painfully slow.

Recommended Actions for the D.C. Government

The Zoning Commission should remove medical clinics as a permitted use in the R-4 and R-5 zones, and it should classify hotels as a commercial use in all respects.

Zoning enforcement should be revised to allow zoning inspectors to issue fines for zoning violations, similar to issuing a parking ticket. We believe the revenue generated would exceed the cost of the additional inspections.

Parking enforcement should be increased, and the fines for violations should be regularly reviewed and increased in all categories in which the number of violations increases from year to year. Special attractions, such as the Kennedy Center, should be targeted for enforcement at appropriate hours.

Strengthen historic preservation efforts in the city by maintaining adequate professional

and administrative staff in the Historic Preservation Office, and by filling vacancies on the Historic Preservation Review Board promptly.

Enact a detailed land-use map as part of the comprehensive plan.

Continue full funding for ANCs. ANC-2A is particularly active on behalf of its community, and our communications with other ANCs lead us to believe that many are maturing and expanding their effectiveness on behalf of their neighborhoods and the city at large.

Define the circumstances under which ANCs may seek and receive assistance from the Corporation Counsel.

Recommendations for Improving ANC Operations

Grant ANCs the right to appeal cases to the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Increase the dollar limit on annual contributions an ANC may receive from an individual from \$100 to \$500 in recognition of the rapid inflation since the time the law was originally enacted and the cost of even low-value business equipment persons may wish to donate.

FY 84 Highlights of ANC-2A Activities

During the period, the ANC held over 21 regular, special, and public forum meetings at various locations in the neighborhood. Historic preservation, transportation, zoning and various area- and city-wide issues were prominent fields of ANC activity.

A great deal of activity was involved with historic preservation because of the ANC's successful application for a \$12,796 matching grant from the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The match for this grant was generated primarily through community volunteer labor and services. The grant allowed the ANC to refine its previous research and computerize the survey data already developed for ready reference, as well as develop extensive publicity and educational information for residents about historic preservation. As part of the grant activities, the ANC developed a model computer program and manual for historic preservation data, as well as formal procurement regulations for materials and services acquired with federal funds.

Major historic preservation accomplishments were: co-sponsorship of an historic landmark application for the Cooper Houses in the 2500 block of K Street, N.W. (designation decision pending); co-sponsorship

of the application for the Foggy Bottom Historic District (no action by the government); support of an historic landmark application for the site of Marrocco's Restaurant, 1913 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (designated landmark); final research for a proposed George Washington University historic district; final research for a proposed Square 14 (1100 block of 25th Street) landmark application; continuing research for a proposed Governor Shepherd Building (2121 Virginia Avenue, N.W.) landmark application; further research for a proposed multiple resource area historic district.

Transportation was a crucial area of activity, in particular in connection with the study for redesign of the Whitehurst Freeway. As one of the affected neighborhoods, ANC-2A was a member of the Whitehurst Freeway Corridor Steering Committee, and participated actively in its deliberations. By the end of September 1984, the ANC had adopted four resolutions bringing the very adverse impact of the east end of the Whitehurst Freeway to the attention of the D.C. Government, and requesting specific measures be adopted to protect its residents under any proposal, finally to be implemented in the context of the Whitehurst Freeway redesign.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) developed by the consultant was analyzed in detail by the ANC's steering committee representative and associates, and was found to be so flawed as not to meet the requirements under Federal law. While two of the alternatives (AA and F) included in the DEIS incorporated significant improvements for our neighborhood — e.g. the considerable increase in parkland west of 26th Street, and the closing of the 25th and K Streets access ramps to our residential streets — these improvements were linked to an ill-conceived ramp in front of a densely populated residential condominium. As a result, the ANC had no choice but to oppose all alternatives in the DEIS at the public hearings held by the D.C. Department of Public Works. Numerous Foggy Bottom residents also testified at these hearings, underscoring the unacceptable conditions created by Whitehurst Freeway traffic in residential streets of Foggy Bottom — conditions which had not been dealt with in the DEIS.

In addition to the general public hearing conducted by the D.C. Department of Public Works on the DEIS, because of the ANC's initiatives a special

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public hearing was conducted by the D.C. Council's Committee on Public Works to examine the Whitehurst Freeway/K Street Tunnel Extension (one of the alternative elements recommended by the community which, while incorporated in the alternatives initially, was dropped from consideration by the Department of Public Works in the latter half of 1983). The Chairman of the Council's Committee on Public Works concluded — after unsuccessfully trying to obtain information on outstanding questions from the D.C. Department of Public Works — that "further analysis is needed before the Department [of Public Works] can determine the highway location and decision for the Whitehurst Freeway. The data requested . . . [are] necessary, not only to comply with applicable laws and regulations, but to assist in developing, for residents and motorists, a fair and balanced solution for the rehabilitation of the Whitehurst Freeway. Until the data . . . [are] compiled and analyzed, I, as Chair of the Committee on Public Works, will not recommend approval of the needed District funds for the rehabilitation of the freeway." This stance was also strongly supported by Councilmember John A. Wilson (Ward 2). Yet the Government of the District of Columbia has not, to date, offered any alleviation to the intolerable traffic problem created by the Whitehurst Freeway in Foggy Bottom.

Not only does the D.C. Code para. 1-261(d) [1981 ed.] require that *great weight* be given to the recommendations of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission, but the District Government is legally required by 23 U.S.C. 128, as well as by the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4331, to consider carefully all of the issues raised by our neighborhood in the context of the Steering Committee's deliberations and during the public hearings on the DEIS on the Whitehurst Freeway redesign. A final decision by the Mayor on a preferred alternative is expected in FY 1985.

A notable transportation success was the final confirmation of regulations by the D.C. Department of Public Works to ban buses from the 900 block of 25th Street, N.W., and its approaches. The regulations were the subject of extensive adversarial hearings as the result of opposition from a hotel owner in the otherwise residential block, and their confirmation has broad precedential implications for the preservation of other residential areas in the city from similar com-

mercial intrusion.

Zoning also continued to be one of the most active areas of ANC-2A. In addition to numerous parking lot and special exception cases, the ANC devoted a great deal of time to proposals to redevelop the site of the B&W Garage (1250 24th Street, N.W.), a case in which the ANC reached a complex agreement with the developer to preserve parts of the building and streetscape and provide retail services; to a George Washington University proposal to close the 2000 block of I Street, N.W. (Red Lion Row), on which the parties ultimately did not reach agreement; and the ANC provided extensive amicus brief support to tenants at 2400 Pennsylvania Avenue who were resisting erosion of residential uses.

A particularly satisfying zoning success was the decision by the Rental Housing Commission in favor of tenants at the Sherry Towers, which has largely been converted to hotel use. The decision, including treble damages, awards an amount approaching \$500,000 to the tenants. Over several years, the ANC has supported tenants resisting violations of their rights in this building, including what the ANC judges to be various rental accommodation and zoning violations.

Street people have been a special problem in the neighborhood with an influx of younger, aggressive males in addition to the traditional population. The ANC held several meetings with residents and city officials in an attempt to work out better management of the needs of these people, while better controlling their trash and increased panhandling. The ANC's police liaison devoted a great deal of time and effort to the subject over the course of the year.

The ANC also devoted much time and resources to the proposed comprehensive plan for the city, not only to chart the neighborhood's requirements for its own area, but also to cooperate with other ANCs and citizens groups in Ward 2 to reach common agreement on approaches. As part of its work, the ANC prepared a detailed recommendation for a land-use map to be included in the plan.

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Assessments. Last year, most neighborhoods in Ward 2 experienced single-family assessment changes which exceeded the citywide average. Not so for tax year 1986. Citywide, the average increase is 4.3%, exceeded in Ward 2 only by the assessment neighborhood called "Old City #2", which includes Shaw, Dupont Circle and Logan Circle. Here is the breakdown:

Assessment Neighborhood	1986 Assessment	1985 % Change	1986 % Change
Central (S of Mass; N of Penn)	\$109,268	+ 3%	+ 3%
Foggy Bottom	87,535	+ 9%	*
Georgetown	246,349	+ 3%	+ 3%
Old City #1 (NNE; NSE)	62,650	+ 2%	*
Old City #2 (Shaw; Dupont; Logan)	67,332	+ 10	+ 5%
KLA NW (S of NY; N of Mass)	39,443	*	*
Southwest	80,530	+ 6%	*
Citywide	\$ 95,342	+ 2%	+ 4%

*Less than 1% change.

A personal apology. Ward 2, frankly, never had much of a tradition for the Spring Cleanup, but this year changed all of that. The annual cleanup campaign started in our ward this year, and we saw some well-organized efforts. The problem was that the response was much greater than we expected, so our promise to service all areas where organized efforts took place on Monday of Cleanup week could not be kept. We apologize. We have to look again at the design of this program. Any ideas? If so, call Jim Zais at 727-6520. Better yet, you should put your ideas in writing to Mary Healy, Chair, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Neighborhood Beautification, 5000 Overlook Ave. SW, Room 416, Washington, DC 20032.

A New Ward 2 School? For some time, we have seen a growing number of children in the west neighborhoods of Ward 2 — Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom, and Georgetown. Ward 2 School Board Representative and President of the Board R. David Hall is now looking into the question of whether we need another elementary school there. He will shortly be conducting a

survey to see if the need exists. If you are interested in this issue, call Mr. Hall's office at 724-4283. Speaking of schools, there is news on another front. The Board has proposed a set of rules defining the process for reviewing liquor license applications for establishments close to public schools. Mr. Hall says that these rules constitute a more systematic way of adding the Board's voice to decisions on liquor licenses before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. If you are interested in these proposed rules, call the Office of the Executive Secretary at 724-4283.

Bicycles. With the advent of warm weather, we have gotten a number of calls about the city bicycle program. The District Government established it in 1976 to (1) inform the public about registration, location of routes, and laws governing bicycles; (2) establish bicycle routes; (3) provide bicycle parking facilities; and (4) promote bicycle safety. For more information on the program, located in the Department of Public Works, call 727-5824.

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Crimewatch

by Bob Alcorn

It is with real pleasure that I write this column, for I can announce the first block of the Foggy Bottom-West End area to be covered by Crime Watch . . . listed and registered with both Officer Clark and me. This is the 900 block of 25th Street. Maria Tyler, our popular ANC member, took time off from her already busy schedule to organize the entire block. She also set up the form and method of notification and block registration — one that we shall use for the rest of the area in the future. A number of buildings have already organized individually and once we can get the proper form out to them, we will be able to continue more listings so that more streets can come under the program. I would like to share some statistics with you and try to get some of the missing buildings:

In the 1000 block of 25th Street, only the Barclay has not joined. The Church and the Bristol have come with us. In the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue on, 2400 has not given me a name to fill in. In the 1000 block of 26th Street, the Overlook has Jon Nowick and only the small houses are left to organize. The 1100 block of 26th Street has organized as far as the residents are concerned, so that all I need is a name or names from The Westbridge whose residents have told me they are organized. On 24th Street, Jefferson House tells me they have organized, but I do not have names or anyone from the small houses next door. I understand that both

Potomac Plaza and Potomac Plaza Terraces have set up committees, but as yet I do not have official notification or names. Parts of Columbia Plaza have told me they are working out details so as soon as I get names, they will also be on board. In the 2500 block of K Street, the Bader, the Excelsior, and Shoremead have expressed interest, but as yet I do not have names. The same applies to 26th Street below K Street, where I have a number of reporters but no official names denoting specific addresses. Mary and Bob Brewster report on Queen Anne's Lane but that is the only address I have.

I have been told that there is someone willing to serve at the Letterman House on F Street and indeed have a name; and the Savoy on New Hampshire Avenue is also with us and just lacks an official name. But . . . I still lack a great number of blocks to fill in on the map that Officer Clark has given me. You all heard Sgt. Dowling at the recent Foggy Bottom meeting on the 29th of April . . . how about some of you volunteering? We all want the signs. Let's show Officer Clark that we can comply with her wishes. She already does so many favors for us; and in setting up our neighborhood, we can show her what we are made of.

I intend to ask Mrs. Tyler if we can use her form as a model for each block captain and perhaps, through her efforts, copies can be made available for the other ANCs to give out to interested parties. If you al-

ready have a watch in your building or home, you too should fill out one of these forms so that both Officer Clark and I can know officially that you are willing and able. It is hoped that we can show the model to you at the next ANC and Foggy Bottom meetings, and Jimmy Molinelli can show his group at the same time so that all of us can be on the same wave length.

Officer Clark will be on leave from June to August, so let's show her a large number of blocks covered by Crime Watch when she returns. We want those signs this year. Call on your neighbor. Write me at 1010 25th Street, #711, if you want your name and address listed or come to one of the meetings and see the model. You can also advise your ANC Commissioner or send your letter to the ANC office for me if you wish. Mrs. Tyler will pass them on.

Thanks again Maria for taking the time to get your block together. In pleasing me you also please all of your constituents as well and really help out the neighborhood as a whole. Perhaps next month I will have more names to praise. I know Jon Nowick will be giving me those last statistics to finish off his block. Who will be next?

By the way, someone was robbed on Eye Street at the end of April. Not only did I get a report from Sgt. Dowling but also, through the efforts of Helen Marie Fruth of 925 25th and a witness who reported to Mary Brewster, the actual crime was reported both to the police and me. Helen Marie had a difficult time reporting the victim who lived in her building but her persistence won out. The crime was fully recorded, the victim interviewed, and neighbors notified. We all owe Helen Marie a debt of gratitude for her quick work. That 900 block really is getting off to a good start. Think it over . . . will your block be next?

See you at the next meetings of the ANC and Foggy Bottom Association.

Lipnick Construction Co. Develops K St. Corner

by Elizabeth Charette

Last year residents of Foggy Bottom could see their streets filled with children clustering around Immaculate Conception Academy, waiting for the bus on Pennsylvania Avenue or buying snacks in the Federal Market.

This year the children have gone, and the neighborhood looks with curiosity at the hole that has replaced Immaculate Conception Academy. What's going up? What's going on at 24th and K?

The sign on the fence suggests that the saints are marching in, that St. Mary, St. Paul, and St. Stephen will soon be joined by St. James.

Actually, according to Laurence Lipnick, an officer of Lipnick Construction Company and general partner of 24th and K Street Associates, "The Building will be a beautiful, L-shaped, Victorian apartment building. John Torti of CHK, Architects and Planners, has designed the St. James to look like the architecture and forms of the townhouses around Washington Circle. We honestly believe the building will be a beautiful addition to an already lovely neighborhood."

When asked when these apartments would be ready, Lipnick replied that the first ones would be available in the early fall of 1986.

"Everybody is going to love the St. James," he continued. "It will have an outdoor swimming pool in a courtyard that's landscaped and will have an indoor exercise facility."

Although the rendering describes the St. James as condominium apartments, Lipnick described them as "primarily . . . furnished, one-bedroom apartments." There will be 197 units, and a few will have a bedroom

and den or two bedrooms and two baths. Leases will be available on a monthly or yearly basis. Lipnick is hoping to attract persons who are waiting to move into houses; to attract persons like his parents, who go to Florida for a few months each year and might now do the same in Washington; and to attract persons working for a limited time in Washington. All units have eat-in kitchens and will probably rent for from \$1,600 to \$2,000 a month.

Is the St. James going to be just another hotel?

"No," said Lipnick. "We are encouraging leases for at least three months. Our units have lots of closet space, and we even have spaces and outlets for washers and driers in each unit for those staying longer."

"There's nothing else like the St. James in Washington," he continued. "We told the architect that we want it to look like it's been in Foggy Bottom a long time. It will be only 90 feet high and will be separated from the nearby townhouses by lovely gardens and walks. There will be no offices or shops — just apartments."

Lindsay Robinson, a resident of the Circle Arms, next door at 2416 K Street, said, "The Immaculate Conception Academy was more than a school. It provided space for aerobics classes and meeting rooms. If the St. James could make some of its facilities available to the immediate neighborhood at moderate rates, it would fill a community need. Also, we hope that the St. James will cooperate with the neighborhood in maintaining security for this area."

Foggy Bottom residents hope that Lipnick will find it financially feasible to promote his long-term leases.

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"The Count of Monte Cristo" Opens at Kennedy Center

James O'Neill's version of Alexandre Dumas' novel "The Count of Monte Cristo" is the second production of the American National Theater at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. This great romantic melodrama will start performances at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13. The press night is Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by Peter Sellars, "The Count of Monte Cristo" is the story of passion, betrayal and revenge — keynotes in the life of the young Edmund Dantes who becomes the mysterious Count. The play features ballrooms, dungeons, stormy seas, smoky taverns and elevators.

Stage, screen and television actor Richard Thomas will play Edmund Dantes who loses 18 years of his life in the dank dungeons of the Chateau d'If. Last seen in New York at Circle Rep in "The Seagull," Thomas was acclaimed upon his return to Broadway in "The 5th of July." He is best known for his portrayal of John Boy on television's "The Waltons." Other TV appearances include "The Red Badge of Courage," "All Quiet on the Western Front"

and "Roots: The Second Generation."

Michael O'Keefe, who can currently be seen in "The Slugger's Wife" and who received an Academy Award nomination for his performance in "The Great Santini," will play the impetuous son Albert. Tony Award winner Patti LuPone, who also performed in ANT's "Henry IV Part I," will take the role of Edmund's beloved Mercedes. The two brothers — the villainous Villefort and the adventurer Noirtier — are played by Zakes Mokae and Roscoe Lee Browne. Mokae's long and close working relationship with Athol Fugard has resulted in breathtaking performances in such plays as "Boesman and Lena" and "Master Harold . . . and the Boys." Browne has been seen in such films as "The Liberation of Lord Byron Jones," "The Comedians" and "Topaz." Tony Azito and Joaquim de Almeida round out the list of villains; while David Warrilow a founder of the Mabou Mines, plays the zillionaire savant Abbe Faria.

Isabell Monk, Leo Leyden, Anne Beresford Clarke, Earl

Hindman, Brian McCue and Ernie Meier complete the cast.

"The Count of Monte Cristo" will have sets by Russian emigre George Tsypin, costumes by Kurt Wilhelm and lighting by James F. Ingalls. The production will follow the regular Eisenhower Theatre schedule: Monday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with matinees on Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Governor Shepherd

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tively small scale apartment buildings composed mostly of efficiency units are a phenomenon of this development. The letters from Ms. Lee and Mr. Chase cover this point in greater detail.

The Governor Shepherd embodies the distinguishing characteristics of the International Style, which was important to the appearance and development of the national capital. While witnesses for the opponents assert that the Governor Shepherd is not International Style and cite, as their authority, the characteristics used by Hitchcock and Johnson in their 1932 book, the Governor Shepherd was picked as an exemplar of International Style architecture in the 1940 Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) guide which clearly states (on page 7) that both Hitchcock and Johnson were on the MOMA committee which selected and evaluated candidate buildings to be included in this exclusive guide to International Style architecture. The MOMA, as sponsor of both the 1932 exhibition on the International Style and Hitchcock and Johnson's book, regarded the Governor Shepherd as being an important example of the International Style and would not have otherwise selected it.

Critics of the pending application point out that the Governor Shepherd might be symmetrical, have some decorative touches or have some streamlined Art Deco elements. The presence of these features apparently did not deter Hitchcock, Johnson and the other MOMA committee members from selecting the Governor Shepherd as one of just six outstanding International Style buildings in the entire Washington metropolitan area. Mr. Goode, the leading authority on Washington area apartment buildings, has indicated to you in his letter that, considering the context of all Washington area apartment buildings, the Governor Shepherd is one of a select group of trend-setting buildings because of the quality and influence of its planning, the crucial innovations it brought to ventilation, and its exterior design and lobby treatment. Professor Frederick Guthrie, an outstanding architectural critic and contemporary of Mr. Abel, strongly supported designation and recognition of the building as International Style. The letter from Mr. Wrenn, Archivist of the American Institute of Archi-

tecs, points out how the Governor Shepherd is a particularly fine example of the mainstream of the International Style in its heyday. I urge you to review his letter.

The Governor Shepherd is also identified as a notable work of an architect who has influenced the development of the national capital or the nation. The building was designed by Joseph Abel, an architect who all agree influenced the evolution of his field and the development of the national capital and, to a degree, the nation as a whole. As even the owner's expert witnesses acknowledged, Abel was the authority in this country on the design of apartment houses from the late 1930's through the 1950's. His apartment buildings and his writings on this building type received recognition by the leading national professional journals as setting the highest standards for those years in this area of architectural practice. As noted by Mr. Wrenn, Mr. Abel was even selected to author the entry on apartment houses by the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. None of the opposition witnesses, despite being asked, were able to cite a single authority on apartment house design of that period other than Abel.

That the Governor Shepherd was so widely cited by Abel in his publications is testimony to his belief that the Governor Shepherd was one of his most notable works. Mr. Abel's own letter to Ms. Lee, concerning the landmark application before you, indicates as much. Given the large number of his designs, it is difficult to imagine that he would have used it as his example so often if he had felt it to be mediocre.

More dispassionate confirmation of the Governor Shepherd as a notable work by Mr. Abel comes from the professional literature of the time, which we cited in the application and in our direct presentation, which featured this building in both text and illustration. In addition, Nicholas Satterlee referred to Abel, even in 1967, as a mainstay of his profession, whose "apartment buildings and writings are nationally known and have served as guide and texts for architects across the country. The level of apartment building design in the Washington Metropolitan area is due to a considerable degree to the influence of Mr. Abel's designs." The 12/28/47 *New York Herald Tribune* noted that "By actual count Joseph Abel has probably designed more outstanding apartment houses

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than any other architect." It is clear, from all this attention the Governor Shepherd received, that it was regarded by both the architect and his contemporaries as one of his major achievements — with no other Abel building receiving so much notice. The Governor Shepherd is still being featured prominently today: in the 1984 book by Wirz and Striner and in the forthcoming book by James Goode, Curator of the Smithsonian Castle. The high acclaim by Abel's contemporaries, his recognized preeminence in the field of apartment house design, his extensive use of the Governor Shepherd as a model and the contemporary and present praise of the Governor Shepherd as a model and the contemporary and present praise of the Governor Shepherd all clearly serve to document that this building meets the test as a notable work of an architect who influenced the development of the national capital and of the nation.

In terms of integrity, the Governor Shepherd fares very well. The building has had remarkably few alterations over the years, with no significant feature of the design, inside or out, being lost or substantially altered. In terms of integrity, then, this building surely qualifies.

As to the question of age: has "sufficient time" passed since this building was erected "to permit professional evaluation . . . in [its] historical context"? We believe it has. Unlike some other aspects of 20th century design, early modernism, and most particularly the International Style has been the subject of extensive research and numerous publications. Examples of the International Style can be judged professionally. In this instance, judgement now is especially timely, for in the case of the Governor Shepherd we cannot wait longer. If this building is not declared a landmark, it will be demolished. There will be no second chance for the Governor Shepherd.

Testimony attempting to detract from the national prominence accorded the Governor Shepherd, or to characterize the design as being inferior or not of the International Style, or to say that reviews of the building were included in publications only because of the peculiar pedantic views of those publications' editors, are clearly subjective and personal opinion not based on objective research. These testimonies would suggest that we wait until unnamed experts opinions are in on which apartment

houses are significant or wait until more than 50 years have passed to "objectively" assess the importance of different buildings (while 50 years are not part of the DC criteria). These opponents admit to having done no research into apartment house design or to being unaware of who were (or are) the experts on apartment house design. They testify only to which buildings are more to their liking. While these nay-

sayers criticize possible designation, one must remember that they are all paid to do just that, and I would refer you to our rebuttal testimony by Mr. Striner and Professor Longstreth. Of the outstanding professionals testifying on behalf of ANC2A, I would point out that none have received any compensation from the ANC, other than a token honorarium to Ms. Lee for her extensive research.

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